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In November 1947 the Soviet Trading Bureau in Harbin summoned important merchants and "the gentry" [landowners] living in areas north of the Sungari River to a meeting (in Harbin) to discuss a plan for establishing twenty-two large flour mills in Chinese Communist-held areas of Manchuria. The Bureau has requested these people to cooperate in planning the sites and selecting the personnel for the mills; all funds will be supplied by the Bureau. The mills are scheduled to start operating in February 1948.

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